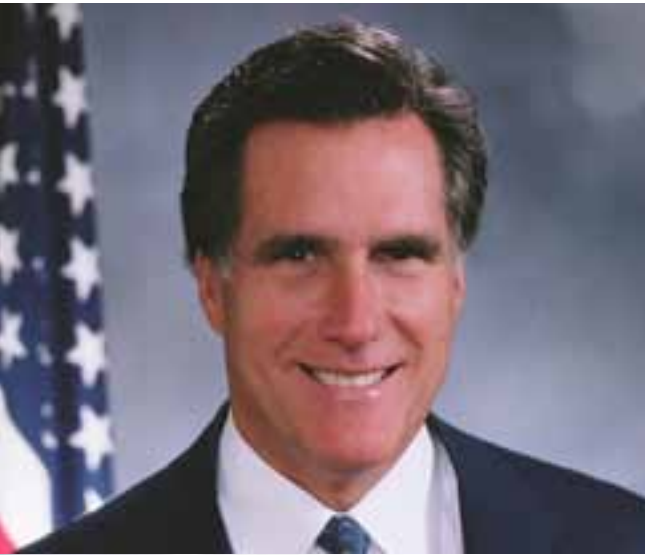




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Major Republican Candidates



Candidate Comments on Waste Reduction

“American businesses are unrivaled in their efficiency. But, while the private sector is constantly fine tuning to run as lean as possible, our bloated and inefficient government is setting records for deficit spending. This has to stop, and I’m proud to have signed the Strong America Now pledge.”

Michele Bachmann

“Strong America Now, an organization dedicated to bringing modern management to government at every level, estimates that we can save \$500 billion a year in spending through proven waste-cutting and value-enhancing techniques from the private sector, such as Lean Six Sigma. Lean Six Sigma is the most important government reform since the Civil Service Act of 1883.”

Newt Gingrich

“Amid the din of economic nonsense being bandied about since the collapse of the housing bubble and the steep ramping up of our national debt there has been the persistent refrain that Washington should be ‘run more like a business’.”

Ron Paul

“The federal government has an obligation to tighten it’s belt just as American families and employers have had to do for the last three years. We’ve done it in Texas, and I am proud to stand by Strong America Now to take this effort to the federal level to rein in the out-of-control spending in Washington, D.C.”

Rick Perry

In a November 30, 2011 ad Romney states:

“We are not going to balance the budget just by pretending that all we have to do is take out the waste.”

Mitt Romney

“As a member of Congress I worked tirelessly to eliminate waste and abuses of taxpayer dollars, but it is time we implement the tried-and-true Lean Six Sigma method to ensure our entire government is lean and efficient. As President, I look forward to working to doing just that.”

Rick Santorum

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We must eliminate the \$1 trillion per year deficit by 2017 or face another financial crisis

"The deficit is a here and now problem... the crisis will come in two to three years... we are going to have a rude awakening, and I believe it is coming soon!"

David Stockman, President Reagan's Budget Director

"I've said many times that I believe the single, biggest threat to our national security is our debt... we have every responsibility to help eliminate that threat."

Admiral Mike Mullen, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Strong America Now has proven that more than 25 percent of all federal spending, including Medicare, is waste.

- Caterpillar, Xerox, most Fortune 500 companies and the US Army and Navy have used Lean Six Sigma to eliminate waste.
- The Army eliminated 90 percent of the cost of the MRAP vehicle assembly, saving lives of our soldiers and marines.
- Stanford Hospital eliminated 70 percent of the cost of cardiac bypass surgery that was waste, which when removed, reduced mortality rates by 54 percent.
- Every federal program contains at least 25 percent waste. Go to www.strongamericanow.org to view case studies which prove we can eliminate \$500 billion per year of waste through higher efficiency.
- An additional \$500 billion per year can be cut by adopting the spending cuts of the bi-partisan Deficit Commission (Bowles-Simpson) plan, thus eliminating the \$1 trillion deficit in 2017 and start paying down the debt in 2018.
- If we don't eliminate the deficit, we will not have the resources to reduce taxes, curb unemployment, pay for defense, preserve Medicare, Social Security, etc.

Strong America Now Voter Guide grades each candidate based on the following criteria:

- Candidate has signed the Strong America Now Pledge to eliminate the deficit?
- Candidate's published strategy includes the goal to eliminate the deficit?
- Candidates Strategy includes eliminating waste?

Strong America Now Voter Guide Ratings of Presidential Candidates

| Candidate | Signed SAN Pledge | Strategy includes Goal of Elimination of Deficit | Strategy includes Method to Eliminate Waste | Total |
|-----------|-------------------|--|---|-------|
| Bachmann | A | A | C | B |
| Gingrich | A | A | A | A |
| Paul | A | A | C | B |
| Perry | A | A | A | A |
| Romney | F | C | C | D |
| Santorum | A | A | A | A |

Romney's strategy only eliminates half the deficit.
Paul and Bachmann do not have strategies that discuss waste.

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